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**SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.**

The *Union* concludes from the comments of the press upon the message, that the country is highly delighted with the manner in which the President gets up his State papers. Commenting on the protest of the Know Nothing council against the edict of their grand council of New York, ordering all the members of the order to be put upon their oath, relative to their vote they gave at the recent gubernatorial election in that State, the editor says:

"We are not surprised at the action of the Grand Council. Our only surprise is, that any considerable number of American-born citizens, living under just and equal laws, and professing to have a higher and holier regard for the country and its free institutions than by any possibility can be possessed by those who labor under the accidental misfortune of foreign birth or foreign parentage, should surrender their consciences, preferences, and actions to the keeping and control of a small body of irresponsible men—in a word, that should become the blind, submissive instruments to fight the quarrels and promote the official aspirations of men unknown to them, and known only for their faithless and unprincipled conduct as politicians. How humiliating to us, as republicans, is the pending admission in the above preamble, that the attempt was made, by threats and penalties, to compel native-Americans to vote for the candidates—not nominated by the know-nothing party at large, but nominated in secret caucus by the Grand Council! Still more humiliating is the no less startling admission that the Grand Council passed a resolution requiring the members of the subordinate councils to confess, under oath, under certain pains and penalties, how they voted at the recent election."

"If this is not transferring the sovereign power from the hands of the people into the hands of a secret and irresponsible junta—if it does not destroy at one sweep the inestimable privileges and blessings of the elective franchise—if its object is not the destruction of our liberties as a free and independent nation—we know not the true meaning of words, and are incapable of penetrating the transparent designs of demagogues and tyrants."

"The apprehension expressed in the last resolution, relative to the future (we suspect the present is intended) material of the Grand Council, is well founded. Such of the know-nothing leaders as have shown their hands, and avowed their identity with the new party have generally been recognised by the country as men of no settled political faith, and who have wearied county, State, and national conventions, of all parties and factions, with their long-deferred, and hitherto not properly appreciated, claims for official nominations, or other less equivocal favors."

The *Intelligencer's* Paris correspondent writing under date of the 21st ult., reviews the operations of the allies up to the 12th ult., concluding that, with their vast expenditure of life and treasure, they have accomplished literally nothing, having done no damage to Sebastopol as yet, which the Russians have not been able to repair in one night. The writer now admits for the first time, that it is very questionable whether the allies will be able to take Sebastopol.

**BURNING OF THE PENITENTIARY AT RICHMOND.**—On Thursday night all the workshops connected with the Richmond (Va.) penitentiary were entirely destroyed by fire, which is supposed to have originated in the machine shop and to have been the work of an incendiary, as the shop contained a large quantity of wool. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. During the conflagration the prisoners, under a strong guard, were released from the main building, which at one time was almost enshrouded by the flames. The penitentiary was destroyed once before—on the 9th of August, 1823.

The Collins steamers are receiving their new metallic "Nest" life boats. Each ship is to have five, in addition to the old boats, of an average capacity of 80 persons. The first of the "Nest" has already been put on the Baltic. In reply to reports to the contrary, the *Journal of Commerce* is authorized to say that:

"Captain Luce has no intention of going into any business on shore, and is not aware that the Directors of the Collins line of steamers have formed any determination to 'exclude from their employ the surviving officers of the Arctic.'"

A destructive fire occurred in Baltimore on Saturday evening last, commencing in the store of J. McGowan & Sons, on Baltimore street, one door south of Paoli street. Knabe & Gaebble, Clarke & B., Ruman & Sons, Mills & Murray, Mills & Bro., Rathrock and Peacock, Mr. Casper, cedar cooper, Mr. Otter, tin ware manufacturer, and Kahler & Muesmuth, were among the sufferers. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The *Eutaw House* was in great danger, and was only saved by the most active and difficult exertions.

**HUNT AND LITTELL'S MAGAZINES.**—Shillington has received Hunt's Merchant's Magazine, the best commercial record published, and Littell's Living Age, for December. Littell is embellished by a beautiful steel engraving of the "Greek Maid."

**INTERESTING MAPS.**—Joe Shillington has sent us a physical map of the Crimea with enlarged maps of the seat of war and views of Sebastopol and Balaklava. At this particular time these views are very interesting, and will no doubt command a ready sale.

A municipal election takes place in Boston to-day. There are three candidates for the mayoralty—Upton, Whig; Adams, Democrat; and Smith, present incumbent, Know Nothing.

Robert L. Stevens' iron war steamer, shot and shell proof, for harbor defense, is rapidly progressing at New York. The boilers will be ready to put on board in about three weeks.

**WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.**

**False Logic.**—The *Intelligencer's* "occasional correspondent," who writes from New York, under date of the 7th inst., says:

"Notwithstanding all the President says on the subject, the attack on Greytown is a thing that cannot be justified. There was a great deal of truth in Napoleon's expression that 'he who accuses, accuses himself,' and the large portion of the message which is devoted to the explanation of the affair is an indirect acknowledgment not only that it required explanation, but also of the weakness of the case."

Now, it is well known that every gentleman, of whatever party, that has been in prominent official position here in the last twenty-five years has been systematically hunted by the partisan press all over the country, engaged in publishing falsehoods about his acts and opinions. Each succeeding issue of the New York *Herald* alone, rarely contains less than a dozen new bare-faced and infamous untruths, slandering one or more persons in office here, it matters not which party may be in power. If treated with the silent contempt they merit, the cry is, they are all true, and that the silence of the accused proves the fact. If, on the other hand, as the President takes occasion to do in the message with reference to the Greytown affair, they are disproved, then the cry is set up that, to explain them away is to admit them. The *Intelligencer's* correspondent's logic is as weak as Taunton water, truly.

Again, the same correspondent says:

"If the community at Greytown, as has been so frequently alleged by the defenders of the Administration, were a nest of pirates, and not within the pale of legitimate warfare or consideration, how comes it that the Government of the United States has an official representative there, and that he is going, or has gone, again to reside there?"

Our only wonder is that the editors of the *Intelligencer*, who know the fact well, did not promptly inform their correspondent that, according to the custom of commercial nations, we send official representatives of this Government wherever an American ship has occasion to touch. That, indeed, we have one now among the savage pirates of the Fejee Islands!

**The Rates of Postage.**—However desirable it may be to make the compensation received for transporting newspapers in the mails pay for its actual cost to the Post Office Department, as the Postmaster General recommends, (and, newspaper publishers as we are, there is no question in our mind of the propriety of the suggestion,) we fear it is not in Congress to carry it out. Newspapers are terrible things, apparently making and unmaking public men in a day, at times. As a general thing, they are clamorous for mail privileges and extra facilities of all sorts. As far as their own interests are concerned, a large majority of them are, indeed, zealous advocates of the plan of Mr. Titcomb to have the Government "do everything for everybody" gratis, or as nearly so as possible. As in nearly every member's district, more or less newspapers stand ready to raise a great hue and cry against any honorable gentleman who will presume to vote to rate with a postage charge all newspapers sent in the mails, and to make that charge proportionate to the service performed in all cases, (the only real remedy for the evil,) more or less, we fear, will conclude to continue to saddle the cost of the existing favors to the press on the Treasury of the United States. Gentlemen disposed to continue the existing condition of things in this respect, will, probably, be found sufficiently numerous when their votes are added to those who desire to have all the Government's expenses, of whatever kind, defrayed by indirect taxation through the custom-houses—who desire to swell the expenses of the Government as a means of keeping the tariff as high as possible—to vote down any proposition designed to carry out the Postmaster General's recommendations on this head.

We confess always to have been opposed to the plan of making the Post Office Department a tax on the Treasury proper, and, therefore, never to have been in favor of the reduction of postage rates to points at which the aggregate of postages collected fail to cover the whole expense of the Department. The penny postage and one rate system answers well enough for England, a thickly populated territory of very small extent when compared with ours. It pays its own way there, and would not have been adopted had not the Government previously become sure that it would soon prove self-supporting.

There are various reforms which, if carried out, would go far indeed towards rendering even our rates of postage self-supporting. We are for demanding prepayment in advance on all letters sent in the mails; for a settlement, dollar for dollar, between the Post Office Department and all other Departments of the Government, for postal services rendered by the former to the latter, and also for rating all newspapers with postage by weight. But all these reforms are not to be hoped for. Yet we trust that the principle of the second mentioned may be carried out by making a direct appropriation specifying that it is to cover the cost of the postage on the free matter carried in the mails, which is, of course, well known to a penny.

**Most Important Information from Europe.** The *Union's* mails brought a letter from a distinguished Frenchman to a gentleman in this city, from which we make the following extract, promising it with the assurance that the writer's position and means of knowing the secrets of State affairs in Paris are equal to those of any man in that capital:

"PARIS, Nov. 20, P. M., 1854.

"Lord Palmerston and Louis Napoleon have been almost inseparable since the former alighted at the Hotel Windsor. Their interview have resulted in a decision to unfurl the standard of Polish, Hungarian and Italian nationality, if Prussia and Austria hesitate longer to declare unequivocally against the Czar. The probability is that neither the one nor the other will consent to do this; in which case all Europe will be in arms before Spring.

As relates to the American continent, you may be assured that France and England have no intention whatever of attempting to regulate the "Balance of Power" there. It would be a blessing to each if you would purchase Cuba, and pay for it a fair consideration in cash. All the money in your sub-treasury will be needed on the continent before the restoration of peace. If Spain will not sell, she will find no sympathy on this side of the Atlantic in the existing state of affairs, if you are driven by necessity to take possession of the island. Whatever you may hear to the contrary, America is strong, overwhelmingly strong in France. Do you want better evidence of that than the revocation of the order for Mr. Soule's expulsion? The Emperor never revoked an order before. Never did the rising sun of liberty in the western hemisphere shine so brightly upon the eastern one as at present."

**A Warning to Legislators.**—Among the acts of the last session of Congress, was one for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prieoleau, deceased, late of Charleston, S. C., authorizing the payment of \$6,928 60 to them, "being in full compensation for property taken from the said Prieoleau, at Charleston, for the use of the United States, during the war of the Revolution."

It turned out on full investigation that Prieoleau had been paid in full by the Government, under the act of 1795, under which the debt in question had been funded. Mr. Comptroller Whittier found conclusive evidence of the fact, and, of course, took the necessary means to protect the rights of the Government as involved in the case. The heirs of the late Mr. Prieoleau, on becoming satisfied that the claim had been adjusted by the Government, at once came forward, we hear, to renounce all claim to the payment which Congress, at its last session, ordered to be made.

**Land in Kansas.**—We learn that last night Mr. Ross, a nephew of John Ross, and Judge Hicks, a full blood Cherokee, who is on the bench in the Indian country, and is a man of very decided intelligence, character and erudition, reached Washington, coming as a portion of a delegation sent here by the Cherokee to dispose of to the Government a body of 800,000 acres of land which that nation owns in the territory of Kansas. This land lays far off from the nation's other territory, and we hear is not particularly valuable for agricultural purposes. We presume, however, that before they leave Washington it will be purchased of them by the Indian Department.

**Pow-Wow.**—Just before we went to press to-day, the House in Committee of the Whole, took up the President's Message; whereupon Mr. Giddings delivered his usual hours' speech against the damnable South. In this case, his text was the President's efforts to obtain Cuba. He talked, of course, about "Spanish slave dealers," and all that sort of thing.

**Light-House Keepers Appointed.**—For the light-boat at Martin's Industry, Ga., John Shields, at \$700 per annum.

At Tybee Island light-house, Ga., Edward Styles, at \$533 per annum.

**The Secretary of the Treasury.**—We regret to learn that this gentleman is indisposed, and on that account was unable to attend at the Department to-day.

**The Current Operations of the Treasury Department.**—On Saturday, the 9th of Dec., there were of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department—

For paying Treasury debts.....	\$2,763 84
For the Customs.....	474 12
For the War Department.....	47,797 40
For the Navy Department.....	91,213 12
For the Interior Department.....	726 74

**PERSONAL.**

The Harrisburg *Keystone*, of Thursday, says that Governor Bigler has nearly recovered from the illness which was recently so severe. Though still confined to his house, there is reason to hope that he will be sufficiently restored to resume his duties in the executive department in a few days.

Edmund Didier, President of the Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, John Duer, late Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and W. H. Cole, Sr., clothing merchant, all old and respected citizens of Baltimore, died in Baltimore last week.

The great and immortal Chevalier Wykoff is about to publish in New York a book entitled his "Courtship and its Consequences." Derby, to whom orders must be addressed, has already received hosts of orders for copies. The women are dying to get hold of it, and very naturally when its contents are as follows: Letters of Miss Gamble, Mr. Joshua Bates (of Baring Brothers), the Emperor Napoleon, Lord Palmerston, Marquis de Cavour, Capt. Pakenham, Count of Villefort, Dr. Baker, (U. S. consul), Mr. Kinney, (U. S. charge d'affairs), Mr. Hobson, (British ambassador), Timothy Brown, (British consul), Baron De Bunsen, (Russian ambassador), Count D'Orsay, Francis Elliot, (British ambassador), &c., &c. The book promises a higher speed than romance, than was ever cooked up by the novelist.

The New York Mirror's idea of a splendid presidential ticket: Edward Bates, of St. Louis, for president, and Robert C. Winthrop, of Boston, for vice-president.

The Buchanan (Va.) Recorder says: On opening our doctan this morning, the first thing we saw was an effigy of Dr. Thompson hanging on a high gallows, and having over his head the following inscription:

"Thompson, the Quack, Seducer and Murderer."

Our citizens, generally, exhibit the strongest marks of disapprobation of the verdict of the jury.

Ex-Rav. C. C. Burr, V. D. M., K. Y. Z., Ab. BA., &c., &c.—This notoriously distinguished individual has taken the case of Dr. Beale in charge, and makes some valuable suggestions in regard to the manner in which either should be administered. We know of no one who can speak more knowingly of the effects of the "Know-Nothing" creed, &c., &c. and more than these the "Know-Nothing" and the X-divine—have been forgotten amid the splendid fancies of an etherized brain.

John Y. Mason, Jr., a son of our Minister to France, had his left leg broken and ankle dislocated by being run over at Richmond, Va., on Thursday night by a reel.

E. W. McComas, Esq., democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, was robbed in Richmond on Wednesday of one hundred dollars.

The effects of the hard times are beginning to exhibit themselves at New York. All the journals notice, more or less, the reduction of wages—the consequent strikes—the inability of employers to go on, with existing wages, and the inability of labor to live on much less, under present high prices of flour, meat, coal, &c. Hundreds are doing nothing, who, ten days ago, were building. Between 200 and 300 mechanics have been discharged during the past week in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The American Bible Society has discharged a large number of hands, mostly females, and those remaining only labor a portion of the time. The Tract Society has retrenched by diminishing the hours allotted to labor, and some hands have been discharged. A number of new railroad enterprises have been discontinued, in consequence of which several thousand men are unemployed. With thousands of men and women turned from employ, at this season, to say nothing of the reduction of wages, there must be frightful distress.

**CONGRESSIONAL.**

In the Senate, to-day, the Hon. Mr. Reid, a newly elected Senator from North Carolina, appeared in his seat, and was duly sworn in. The special order, (the bill of Mr. Adams for the amendment of the naturalization laws,) being taken up, that gentleman commenced to read a speech on that measure, which he had not concluded when our report went to press.

In the House, the Speaker laid before them several financial reports; which were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed. Mr. Chapman, of Kansas, (objecting,) offered a joint resolution to authorize the President of the United States to tender the mediation of this Government between the belligerents in the Eastern war; rules not suspended to consider it.

Mr. Florence moved to suspend the rules for the consideration of a joint resolution to send a naval expedition in search of and for the relief of that Dr. Kane in the arctic seas; rules not suspended.

Mr. Starnes, of Kansas, moved a resolution of inquiry, directed to the Secretary of the Navy, relative to the propriety of continuing in existence the Memphis navy yard; resolution agreed to.

Mr. Lane, of Indiana, offered a joint resolution for the relief of the children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased, late an Army Quartermaster; rules suspended, and joint resolution passed.

Mr. Slapp moved a resolution to continue the existence of the special committee of the last session upon the military superintendencies of the United States armies; rules suspended and resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the 19th, 20th, and 21st instant were set apart for the consideration of District of Columbia business. Mr. Houston reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the annual appropriation bill, as amended.

Mr. McDowell moved to postpone the special order of the day, (the Pacific railroad bill,) until the second Tuesday of January, the reports of the various surveys for that road not yet being before the House; postponed as moved.

Mr. McD. moved a resolution for the lithographing of the maps of the survey of the road in question; resolution agreed to. Mr. Biscook, by leave, introduced a bill to provide for more effectually disciplining the Navy.

**Washington Light Infantry.**—A special meeting of the corps will be held at the armory on TUESDAY EVENING, the 12th inst., at 7½ o'clock. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested, as business of importance will be presented for their consideration. By order of the Captain: B. F. BEERS, Secretary.

**First Grand Annual Ball of the Nightingale Club** will take place on the 29th inst., at 8 o'clock. Further particulars in future advertisement.

**THE THIRD ANNUAL GRAND BALL OF THE MONTGOMERY GUARDS**

WILL BE GIVEN ON MONDAY EVENING, the 8th of January, 1855, at JACKSON HALL.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—This is to inform the public that STEPHEN C. BUSH is not authorized to collect any of my accounts—I therefore forbid all persons paying anything to him, or trusting him, or any other person on my account. W. A. CAMERON.

**ESTRAY COW AND CALF.**—CAME TO THE enclosure of W. D. C. Murdoch, on Tuesday last, a red buffalo cow and calf—the cow has a white stripe down the back, one eye out. The owner can have the same by paying the carrying charges. Enquire of WILLIAM GILLIAM, at O'Neal's Quarries.

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**LIFE OF P. T. BARNUM**, written by himself—price \$1 25. Frank Leslie's Magazine of Fashion for December—price 25 cents. Fifty Years in both Hemispheres, by Nolte—Price \$1 25. Nick of the Woods, by Bird—\$1 25. For sale by E. K. LUNDY, No. 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.

**WATCHES.**

TWO hundred and fifty extra fine Gold English and Geneva Watches, pocket Chronometers, &c. for both ladies and gentlemen. Persons in want of superior timekeepers will find our assortment for variety, style, quality and cheapness unsurpassed in this country. M. W. GALT & BRO., Signs of the Golden Eagle, Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.

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JUST received one of Nell, Dnrop & Co.'s first premium Piano, a splendid instrument in tone and beauty of workmanship. Call and hear for yourselves. Nell, Dnrop & Co.'s Pianos received the first premium at the late exhibition of the Maryland Institute over all competitors. HILBUS & HITZ, Agents.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, having made an assignment of their stock of goods and debts due to George S. Colburn and John W. England, those indebted will please call and settle with them or their agent, Thomas O. Hills. THOMAS O. MAGRUDER. JOHN A. GALTVENT.

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**PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

M. W. GALT & BROTHER will open this day, a magnificent assortment of Fancy Jewelry, Silverware, Fine Pens, Silver Card Cases, Card Trays, Porte Monnaies, and bijouterie of every description. Persons in want of presents would do well to make their selections whilst our stock is complete, and avoid the usual bustle of the holidays. M. W. GALT & BRO., Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.

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WASHINGTON, December 9, 1854.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

In the case of Placidio Howard, executor of Michael Robertson, deceased, the Executor aforesaid moved, by the approbation of the Orphan's Court of Washington county aforesaid, appointed TUESDAY, the 2d day of January next, for the final settlement and distribution of the estate of said deceased of the assets in hand, so far as the same has been collected and turned into money; when and where all the creditors and heirs of said deceased are notified to attend, (at the Orphan's Court of Washington city,) with their claims properly authenticated by the proper authorities. To be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Provided a copy of this order be published once a week for three weeks, in the "Evening Star," previous to said 2d day of January next.

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**LOST OR STOLEN.**—ON THE EVENING of the 8th instant, a PORTE MONNAIE, containing three or four dollars in money, together with four promissory notes, as follows, was taken by E. M. Chapin, for one hundred and fifty five dollars, dated some time in November, 1853 one hundred of which has been paid and credited on the back of the note; and three notes drawn by Wm. Ross, dated as follows: September, October and November, 1854. The first two named above are for one hundred dollars each, and the latter for one hundred and fifty dollars. The above notes are made payable to my order, but have not been endorsed by me. All persons are hereby forwarded from receiving or transmitting the above notes, as the payment of the same has been stopped. CHARLES J. QUEEN.

**THIS IS THE FIRST WINTER MONTH,** BUT the second Winter Moon, and the next Moon is the last Winter Moon, and the Spring will set in to the southern and east of the last quarter of that moon, and the moon will change to the South the 16th of April, and fall to the South. This will bring the moon ten days nearer the Sun than it was last Summer. It will be a short Winter by the calendar. Fruit trees should be taken up by the roots, and planted by the roots, and not by the moon. The sap rises in the first spring moon and goes down the first winter moon. SHADRACH NUGENT.

**United States Patent Office.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 1854

ON the petition of MOSES & SAMUEL PENNOCK, of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, praying for the extension of a patent granted to them a 12th day of March, 1851, for an improvement in "Seed Drills," for seven years from the expiration of the said patent, which takes place on the 12th day of March, 1855. It is ordered, that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday the 26th of February 1855, at 12 o'clock m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; and testimony filed by either party to be used at said hearing must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the Office, which will be furnished on application.

The testimony in the case will be closed on the 16th of February, 1855; depositions and other papers relied on as testimony, must be filed in the Office on or before the morning of that day; the arguments, if any, within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the *United States Engineer*, and *Washington*, *D. C.*, *Pennsylvania*, *Philadelphia*, *Pa.*, *Scientific American*, New York; and *Enquirer*, Cincinnati, Ohio, once a week for three successive weeks, previous to the 20th day of February next, the day of hearing.

CHARLES MASON, Commissioner of Patents.

P. S.—Editors of the above papers will please copy and send their bills to the Patent Office, with a per cent containing this notice.

**BARNUM'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY** BY SHILLINGTON'S.

Life of P. T. Barnum, written by himself, in which he narrates his early history as Clerk, Merchant, Editor and Showman. New York Journal for December. Map of the seat of War, and views of Sebastopol, and Balaklava. The Great Christmas and New Year's Brother Journals, full of pictures, for sale at SHILLINGTON'S Bookstore.

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**METROPOLITAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.** (Pa. avenue, over Parker's Store.) SCHOOL OF DESIGN is now open for the winter session on the evenings of Tues. day, Thursday and Saturday, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock.

Classes for ladies, gentlemen and juveniles. Wm. J. WHITAKER, Principal.

**GLOVES, GLOVES, GLOVES!**—Have been made the Agents of a large Glove Manufactory